

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed December 14, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 December 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Applicant on page 11 of the Remarks filed December 14, 2004 expressly gave authorization for this Examiner's Amendment.

The title has been rewritten as follows: --Seaming Structure for Use in Baseballs and Softballs--.

In the claims:

Claim 5 has been rewritten as follows:

Claim 5 (Amended) A seaming structure for use ~~using~~ in baseballs and softballs comprising:

two covers including a first cover and a second cover which close a ball core; each of the covers having ~~two large round portions at two ends~~ with a large round portion at each end and ~~a~~ the middle portion connected to the two round portions that is ~~are~~ narrowed; ~~the two covers enclosing the ball core;~~

a first seaming wire seaming the two covers; the first seaming wire having a first diameter; the first seaming wire alternatively passing through the two covers, that is, the first seaming wire is arranged from a first side of the first cover to a second side of the first cover and then entering to a second side of the second cover to a first side of the second cover and then to

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the first side of the first cover; the process being repeated until the edges of the two covers being seamed;

two upper seaming wires, and two lower seaming wires serving to seam the two covers; each of the upper seaming wires being arranged at an upper edge of one respective cover and being confined by a surface of the respective cover and the first seaming wire; each of the lower seaming wires being arranged at a lower edge of one respective cover and being confined by a surface of the respective cover and the first seaming wire; the upper seaming wires and lower seaming wires being made of wires with larger diameters than the first diameter; thereby, the seaming portions of the covers are formed as protrusions;

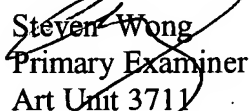
wherein the edge of each cover is in contact to a surface of the ball core so as to separate the two upper seaming wires and two lower seaming wires.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-4416. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on 571-272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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